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1. A FURTHER CALL FROM THOMAS E. DEWEY, JR., OF KUHN LOEB TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SMITH ADVISES US OF A VISIT HE HAD THIS WEEK FROM GHANIAN JUDGE BENJAMIN WHO REPORTEDLY DREW ORIGINAL DREVICI CONTRACTS. BENJAMIN TOLD DEWEY THAT THAT DREVICI WAS CHUCKED- OUT IN 1966 UNDER UK PRESSURE ON NLC BECAUSE DREVICI COMPETING TOO EFFECTIVELY WITH BRITISH INTERESTS.

2. DREVICI LAWYERS ALSO TOLD DEWEY THAT AMBASSADOR AMONOO HAD CALLED THEM THIS WEEK TO URGE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF DREVICI.

3. SMITH URGED DEWEY TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER UNTIL WE CAN DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER WITH EMBASSY HELP. DEWEY AGREED. RUSH

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